

McFarland Cascade Pole Site: Cleanup Action Plan and Consent Decree Available for Review

The Washington Department of Ecology (Ecology) invites you to review and comment on a draft Cleanup Action Plan (CAP) and Consent Decree (CD) for the McFarland Cascade Pole Site. We will consider and respond to all comments before making the documents final. The Cleanup Action Plan identifies preferred cleanup methods and specifies cleanup standards and other requirements at the site.

What are these documents?

The CD is a legal agreement between Ecology and the McFarland Cascade Pole facility to protect human health and the environment. Actions outlined in the CD and CAP include:

- Continued operation of the groundwater recovery system.
- Long term monitoring and oversight.
- Applying a deed restriction to the property to make sure the facility will not be used for residential land use in the future.

If periodic review of the site shows a risk to human health or the environment, additional actions could be required by Ecology.

Site Location and Background

McFarland Cascade Pole is a wood treating facility located at 1640 East Marc Street in Tacoma, Washington (see map). Environmental studies and interim site cleanup actions have been done over the past 20 years at this site. A Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study (RI/FS) was finalized in 2014. The RI/FS describes the type and extent of contamination, summarizes past work, and suggests additional cleanup actions.

Treated wood products like utility poles and lumber for decking, fencing, and similar products have been made at the site since 1974.

Wood treating activities released hazardous substances into the soil and groundwater, including:

- Metals, including arsenic, copper, and chromium
- Polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs)
- Petroleum products
- Pentachlorophenol
- Semi-volatile organic compounds

Public Comment

Comment Period:

**March 28 through
April 27, 2016**

Comments must be postmarked, received by email, or hand delivered by **April 27, 2016** to be considered.

Send comments to:

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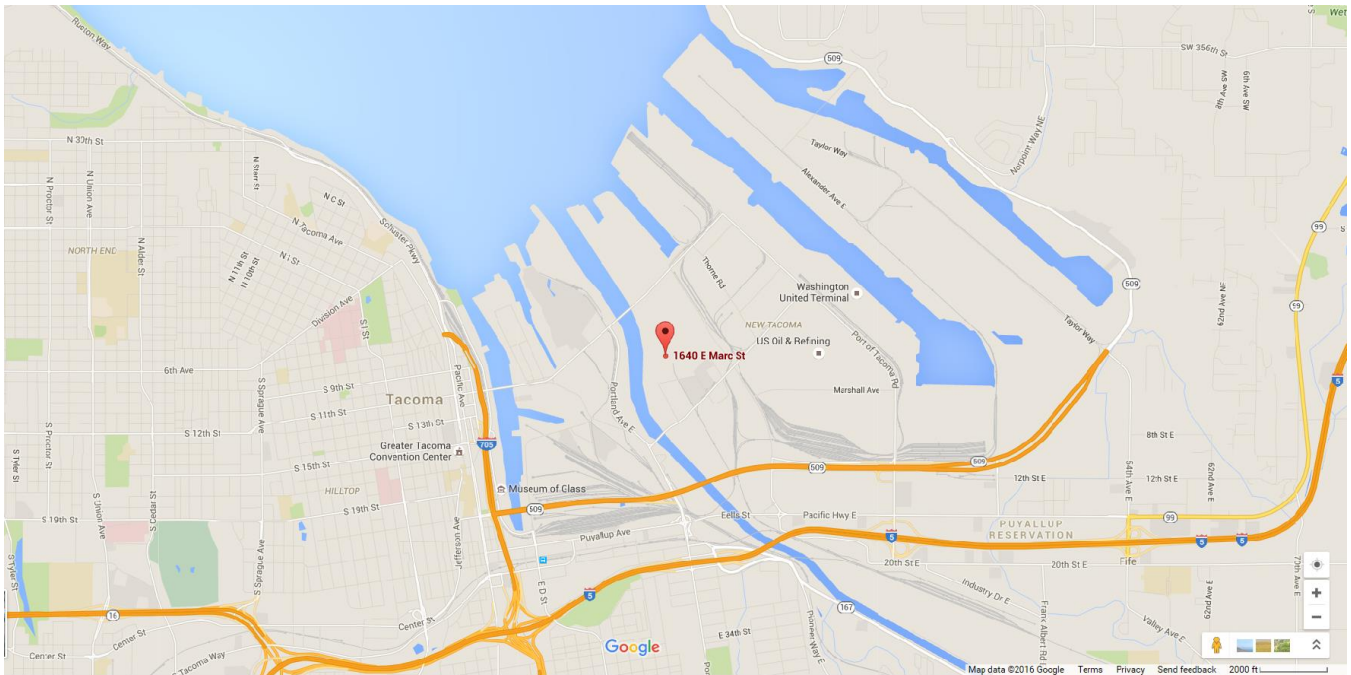
Citizens for a Healthy Bay
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Past cleanup actions

The facility has already completed many steps to address contamination at the site. These include operational upgrades, stormwater collection and treatment, installing monitoring wells and a groundwater recovery system, and excavating and disposing of contaminated soil. For many years, most of the site was covered with gravel, but the site is now paved. The pavement prevents humans, plants, and animals from coming into contact with remaining contamination in the operational area of the site. It also allows for effective management of stormwater.

What happens next?

After the 30-day public comment period, Ecology will review all comments received and consider whether any revisions should be made to the Cleanup Action Plan or Consent Decree. If substantive revisions are made, another public comment period will be held. If only minor or no revisions are made, the documents will be considered final.





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We'd like to hear from you!

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Ecology invites you to review and comment on a draft Cleanup Action Plan and Consent Decree for the McFarland Cascade Pole Site at 1640 East Marc Street in Tacoma, Washington. More information at:
<https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/gsp/Sitepage.aspx?csid=3643>

와싱턴주 환경부에서는 McFarland Cascade 전선주 업체 (주소: 1640 East Marc Street in Tacoma, Washington) 의 환경오염 정화계획및 법정동의서 초안을 검토 후 소견서를 제출해주시기 원합니다. 자세한 사항은 360-407-6300 으로 문의후 통역을 요청하세요.

Отдел экологии приглашает вас рассмотреть и прокомментировать проект Плана действий по ликвидации последствий загрязнения и Согласительное судебное постановление в отношении участка McFarland Cascade Pole по адресу 1640 East Marc Street в городе Такома, штат Вашингтон. За дальнейшей информацией обращайтесь по телефону 360-407-6300 и попросите о предоставлении услуг устного перевода.

Ecology lo invita a revisar y hacer comentarios sobre un borrador del Plan de Acción de Limpieza y Decreto de Consentimiento para el Sitio de McFarland Cascade Pole, ubicado en 1640 East Marc Street en Tacoma, Washington. Para más información, llame al 360-407-6300 y pida un intérprete.